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Te Rito Gardens, 6 Hassell Road, old Porirua Hospital, Porirua

## Te Rito Gardens

“Manaaki Tangata, Manaaki Whenua, Haere Whakamua”.

“Care for the People, Care for the Land, Go Forward”.

### **The Project**

Creates a training environment in which students are given the opportunity to learn the skills of: growing organic food and acquiring an income in a sustainable way.

### **The Course**

Our teachers use a hands-on approach to training with an emphasis on positive learning activities and, with support staff, offer assistance and encouragement throughout the course. Whitireia Community Polytechnic administers the qualification and provides our tutors.

### **Te Rito Gardens**

We accept tātou (all people) from throughout the greater Wellington, Hutt Valley and Kapiti region. Each participant is required to make a commitment to the course and take responsibility for their actions. Acceptance into the programme is related to positive attitude not previous academic achievement. Te Rito gardens are situated at the Old Porirua Hospital site, 6 Hassell Road, Kenepuru.

### **The Outcome**

Those who complete the academic requirements are awarded a Level Two Certificate in Organic Horticulture. Students will gain knowledge of sustainable practice that strives to improve the environment and have the skills to grow food for friends and whanau. Te Rito Organics Ltd can provide a workplace and an income for graduates who demonstrate a commitment to the project.

### **Programme structure**

The course start in February each year and runs for 18 weeks over two terms. The hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9am – 3pm. Most of this time will be spent in the workshop or the gardens. The following course related items are required to be purchased by all students: safety boots, hat, good quality wet-weather gear, gloves (4 pair), safety eye protection and work clothing. These may be funded though WINZ or Studylink. ID is required in order to complete enrolment.

### **Applicants will need to agree to the following:**

- 1/ Give permission to asert-Tātou Development Trust to seek a police check on the applicant if deemed necessary by a formal meeting of the trustees;
- 2/ Every person who participates with or relates to the Te Rito Gardens programme and the land we care for is treated with the utmost respect;
- 3/ All rules relating to Whitireia Community Polytechnic, particularly the “no smoking” policy (there are designated smoking areas provided), will be followed at all times.

### **Te Rito Organics**

Some of the students’ time will be spent with Te Rito Organics. The trust operates this company to cover some of the running costs of the programme. This will be part of the participant’s training and will give valuable experience in the business of growing organic food.

### **For more information contact:**

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**Application for enrolment:**

**Te Rito Gardens – Certificate in Horticulture, Level 2, (NC1013)**

Your full legal name: .....

Gender: Male  Female  Date of Birth: ..... ID proof: .....

Your address: .....

Telephone: ..... (Daytime) ..... (Evening) ..... (Cell)

Your E-mail address: .....

Do you have any medical conditions that may affect your participation in this course: Yes  No

If yes please, please specify: .....

Do you require any assistance or medication during the normal course times (9am to 3pm): Yes  No

If yes please, please specify: .....

Have you been vaccinated against tetanus? Yes  No

Your “next of kin”, support person or sponsor:

Name: ..... Relationship to student: .....

Address: .....

Telephone: ..... (Daytime) ..... (Evening) ..... (Cell)

Declaration: I, ..... (full name)

1/ accept the terms and conditions of: Whitireia Community Polytechnic, including the no smoking policy.

2/ will ensure that every person who participates with or relates to the Te Rito Gardens programme and the land we care for is treated with the utmost respect.

3/ give permission to asert-Tātou Development Trust to seek a police check of myself if deemed necessary by a formal meeting of the trustees of the asert-Tātou Development Trust.

..... (Signature) ..... (Date)

To complete your application, please contact us by phone or e-mail to arrange a visit to Te Rito Gardens prior to the beginning of the course. The start date of the propramme is 20 February 2012.